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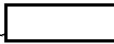
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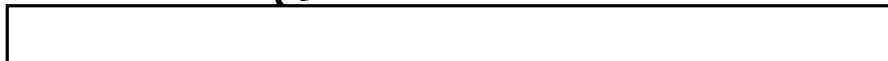
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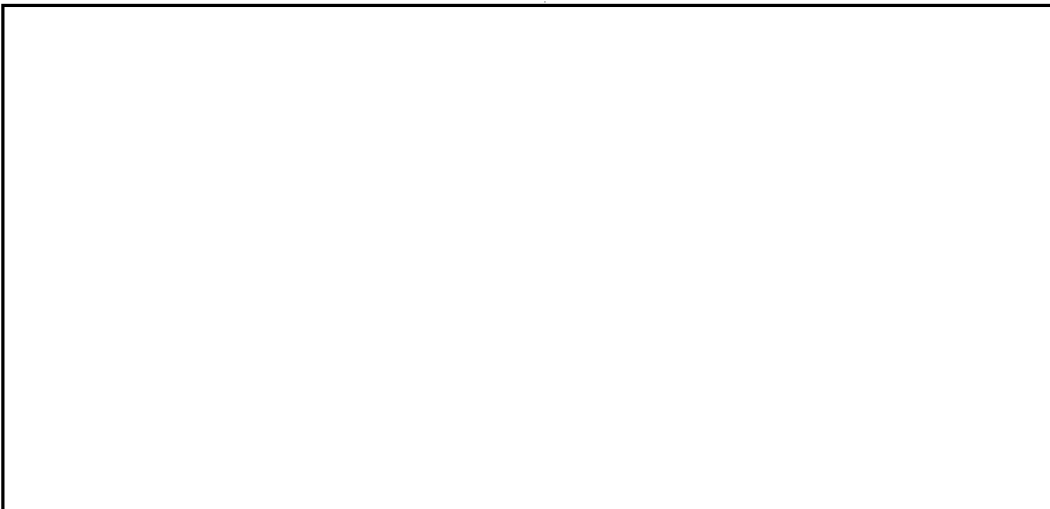
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1. EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI FRONTIER SITUATION

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Mobilization in Israel continues at an accelerated rate, according to the American army attaché in Tel Aviv. There has been no public announcement of mobilization. The attaché reports that the movement of equipment has now reached "massive proportions" but that mobilization of personnel has not kept pace with the call-up of civilian vehicles--heavy trucks, wreckers, cars and buses. Large convoys of empty vehicles are apparently heading south, presumably toward the Egyptian frontier, and approximately one company of tanks with new French guns is moving north from Tel Aviv, probably toward the Syrian frontier.

American observers believe this mobilization is a precautionary measure against aggression by one or more of the Arab states. UN truce observers in the area say that the situation is extremely tense and that fighting may break out at any time.

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2. ISRAEL OUTLINES RECENT SOVIET BLOC APPROACHES

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[redacted] Israeli Foreign Ministry official Herzog has told the American embassy in Tel Aviv that the Soviet bloc has made three approaches to Israel in recent weeks, two in New York and one in Jerusalem. All three approaches included (1) a strong condemnation of Israel's "pro-Western orientation," (2) a warning against concluding a security pact with the United States, (3) a hint of apprehension that such a pact would involve American military bases in Israel, and (4) an indication that if Israel behaved "properly" the Soviet bloc might permit "some" emigration of Jews to Israel.

Of the three approaches, Herzog stated, one made by a member of the Polish UN delegation included a hint that Soviet arms might be available to Israel. The other two approaches were made by Soviet officials.

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[redacted] The Soviet Union is unlikely to permit any large number of Jews to emigrate to Israel. However, Israel's dedication to bringing Jews to the "homeland" would compel it to give maximum consideration to any seemingly bona fide Soviet offer on Jewish emigration. [redacted]

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